



MAMMOTH LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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FIRE PREVENTION

RECREATIONAL and OPEN BURNING PERMIT

PERMIT #: 20 - _____

ISSUED DATE: _____

PERMIT HOLDER: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PHONE: _____

SITE INSPECTED BY: _____ ON: _____

INSPECTORS NOTES: _____

1. REFERENCE:

2013 California Fire Code, Local Amendment

Section F105.6.30.1/307.4.2 Recreational Fires is amended to include:

Recreational fires outside of approved campgrounds are prohibited without the approval and permit from the fire code official, following the submission, review, and approval of a permit application and a site inspection. All fire rings shall require a screened cover with mesh screening no greater than 1/2 of an inch in size and large enough to cover the entire ring or structure used for burning. The exception for one and two family dwellings is eliminated; a permit is required and can only be obtained by the property owner. Propane operated appliances are exempt. Recreational fire permits shall be effective only for the year of issuance, ending on December 31 of the year of issuance.

2. SCOPE:

Open burning is prohibited within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District (Fire District), excluding land under the jurisdiction of the United States Forest Service (USFS), in developed campgrounds, or residential BBQ's (see restrictions below). Recreational burning is allowed with an approved annual permit from the Fire District.

Such annual permits are issued for the following types of recreational burning only, when in compliance to the attached requirements and the California Fire Code.

- A. Commercial BBQ pits (as required for public assembly permits)
- B. Ceremonial or religious events
- C. Cooking fires contained in an approved cooking pit

D. Recreational fires (campfires) upon compliance to specific guidelines
No permit is required for residential type BBQ's used as directed by the manufacturer.

3. RESTRICTIONS:

A permit for recreational burning may be issued upon compliance to applicable sections of the California Fire Code and the following requirements:

A. Permittee:

The applicant for the permit must be the property owner of where the permit is to be issued and must be present during any and all burning.

B. Material Restrictions:

Open burning of trash, rubbish, paper goods, flammable or combustible liquids, vegetation (slash), etc., is prohibited. Only wood or charcoal may be burned under this permit. At any time, if the materials being burnt produce offensive smoke or odor to surrounding properties, such recreational fire shall be extinguished. Starter liquid is allowed when used in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.

C. Notification:

The Permit Holder is required to inquire about the fire hazard risk by either contacting the United States Forest Service (USFS) Fire Prevention desk **(760) 924-5536** or at USFS Dispatch **(760) 873-2405**.

Otherwise you can visit the "Smokey Bear" sign as you enter Mammoth on Hwy 203 across from the Town/USFS Visitor Center, in front of the Mammoth RV Park. Burning shall not occur when the USFS has determined the fire hazard risk as **"VERY HIGH" or "EXTREME"**.

D. Time and atmospheric conditions:

Burning shall be performed only when time and atmospheric conditions comply with the limits set forth in this burning permit. In addition to the USFS fire hazard risk, the Fire District, due to inclement weather conditions, or high winds that pose an increased fire hazard to the community, may temporarily discontinue fire permits. Fire permits may be discontinued by other government entities regulating air emissions. Prior to burning, the permit holder must contact **(760) 934-1010** and listen to the recording to ensure that air quality conditions are permissible for burning.

Permitted recreational fires shall not be allowed to burn past midnight of the day initiated, or by any time period as established by a special use permit issued by the USFS or the Fire District. Burning shall be completely extinguished by either before **midnight** or the designated time.

E. Outdoor location:

Permitted burning shall occur only in an approved site. This site must be inspected and approved by a member of the Fire District prior to any burning. The approved site must be ringed with non-combustible material, with a maximum diagonal dimension of 3 feet for any one dimension, and is not to be within 20 feet of combustible materials. Ground cover within this clearance area is to be maintained and free of combustible material. Such clearance requirements also apply to the storage of flammable or combustible liquids or gases. Flame heights are **not to exceed 3 feet** above fuel bed. Any flying material emitted from fuel bed shall be monitored to reduce hazard of fire extension from the burn site. Fire rings shall require a cover of screened mesh no greater than ½ inch in size and large enough to cover the entire ring or structure used for burning.

F. Fire suppression equipment:

The permit holder is required to have a garden hose supplied with water, shovel, and/or other firefighting equipment, as required by the permit (site specific needs) and all equipment shall be maintained in a serviceable state and be immediately available at the site for use.

G. Attendance:

A competent adult shall constantly attend such permitted fire with knowledge in the use of providing fire suppression equipment. The permit holder is required to be in attendance of any such fires.

By signing and acceptance of this permit, the permit holder grants the right of inspection by representatives of the Fire District at any time during the burning operation to determine if a fire hazard exists that is significant enough to require discontinuance of the burning operation.

H. Discontinuance:

The Fire District reserves the right to require that the fire be immediately extinguished if a representative of the Fire District determines that the fire constitutes a hazardous condition.

4. PERMIT APPLICATION:

The Permit as required above may be issued after the following:

- A. The property owner completes the permit application (in person).
- B. The property owner agrees to all requirements as identified above.
- C. A site inspection is required by a representative of the Fire District prior to the issuance or use of a recreational burning permit.

5. PERMIT REVOCATION:

A recreational burning permit, once issued, is valid until December 31 in the year of issuance. The Fire District may revoke the permit at any time for non-compliance to any of the above items or due to fire severity conditions.

THE PERMIT HOLDER ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY AND ALL PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONNEL INJURY OR DEATH, COSTS ASSOCIATED IN THE SUPPRESSION OF A FIRE THAT EXTENDS OUT OF AND AWAY FROM THE APPROVED BURN PERMIT SITE.

It is the permit holders' responsibility to ensure that conditions are in accordance with applicable State and Local fire regulations.

Permit expires on December 31st of the year issued. You must renew your permit annually.

This permit may be revoked at any time.

I have received and read the above requirements for a recreational burning permit. I am the property owner and by signing this document I agree to adhere to the requirements and any special requirements as identified on the issued permit.

Property Owner Signature

Date

Permit Issuer Name

Signature

Date

Title

Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District